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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7663**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1415

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Immunizations by Pharmacists.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Dodge

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a physician to delegate a pharmacist to administer immunizations under a drug order or prescription. The bill requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules concerning the qualifications, protocols, and record-keeping requirements of pharmacists who administer immunizations.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would clarify that the scope of practice for pharmacists includes the administration of immunizations by pharmacists as delegated by a physician. The physician's drug order or prescription is to specify the general population of persons to receive the immunization and the date, time and place of administration.

The bill requires the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules regarding training requirements for the administration of immunizations and record-keeping and reporting responsibilities. This administrative activity should be absorbable within the current level of resources available to the Board.

*Background Information:* According to the American Pharmacists Association, 46 states already allow pharmacists to administer vaccines under certain conditions. Indiana is listed as one of these states. Several states have limited the administration of immunizations by pharmacists to the adult population and require certain training and record-keeping and reporting requirements for this activity. The American Pharmacists Association offers an immunization training program for pharmacists in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) standards.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Health Professions Bureau, Board of Pharmacy.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** <http://www.aphanet.org>

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